

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 16-17 and 55-56 will be pending in the present application. No claims have been newly added, and claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12-13, 18-21, 39-41, 44, 51-54, and 57-63 have been cancelled.

In the Decision on Appeal issued April 23, 2013, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board reversed the rejections of claims 16-17 and 55-56. As such, all of the claims except for claims 16-17 and 55-56 have been cancelled, and claims 16-17 and 55-56 have been rewritten in independent form. As such, it is believed that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12-13, 18-21, 39-41, 44, 51-54, and 57-63 have been cancelled, thereby rendering their rejection moot. It is to be understood that these claims are being cancelled to facilitate the allowance of the remaining claims. The cancellation of these claims is not to be construed as an admission as to the correctness of the rejections of these claims. On the contrary, applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12-13, 18-21, 39-41, 44, 51-54, and 57-63, or claims of similar scope, in a further continuing application.

This response is being filed within the two-month statutory response period which expires on June 23, 2013. In addition, no additional claim fees are believed to be required as a result of the above amendments to the claims. Nevertheless, the Commission is authorized to charge any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to deposit account no. 14-1270.

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All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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